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## WEE BIT O' IRISH



Al Turner, owner of the Sport Shop, proudly carries the Irish flag during the St. Patrick's Day Parade held on North Buchanan Street Wednesday, March 17. See related story on page 7.

JON BRITTON/Contributing Photographer

## MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

# New director hired, plans cultural work

By LISA KLINDT  
Missourian Staff

All people are created equal. At least that is the message Northwest's new director of Multicultural Affairs wants to convey to Northwest and the surrounding area.

Pat Foster was named director of Multicultural Affairs at Northwest, replacing Ben Birchfield effective Monday, March 15.

Foster, originally from Reidsville, N.C., graduated from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University with a bachelor's in psychology. She received a master's in community education from Mankato (Minn.) State University.

"This campus reminds me of where I went to undergraduate school," Foster said. "The people are very friendly and helpful to me."

Foster previously worked in Minneapolis at Anoka-Ramsey Minority Support Services as a project coordinator for the adult learner program. Foster worked with non-traditional students of color in Minneapolis.

"Pat has had a lot of experience working with students of color," Denise Ottinger, dean of students, said. "Because of that experience she will be helpful in working with minority students at Northwest. She has a pleasant personality and a great outlook on how a university should function."

At Northwest, Foster will be working with the executive committee on multicultural affairs and with the advisers from the Alliance of Black Collegians, Hispanic American Leadership Organization and the International Student Organization.

"I hope to have cultural awareness and sensitivity types of programs for faculty and staff as well as

other different types of programming," Foster said. "I want to coordinate some of the multicultural affairs as opposed to some of the fragmentation of the organizations that we have now."

Foster believes in an active college life balancing both academics and organizational participation.

"I think the academic portion (of a college career) is very important but also I think student affairs is important," Foster said. "You can't be just an academic student. I believe you have to get involved with the student affairs on campus like belonging to student organizations and the whole living experience."

Foster has many new ideas which she hopes to incorporate at Northwest.

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director of  
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Foster  
Named director

Foster has lived and worked in smaller college communities such as Maryville before and said she likes the peacefulness and convenience they provide.

Foster attended her first organizational meeting Monday, March 15, and was impressed with the members' active participation.

"I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the students," Foster said. "It was good to see how students were really getting into their business."

## 'BUDDY HOLLY STORY'

# Life of rock star revisited

Broadway musical portrays singing popularity of '50s star, uniqueness of live performance

By DAWN EMMONS  
Missourian Staff

If you love Buddy Holly, the Crickets, the Big Bopper and Richie Valens, then you have a chance to see them again 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" comes to Northwest directly from Broadway. This Broadway musical has received rave reviews from London, New York and Australia.

The New York Times said, "Buddy has them dancin' in the aisles. The audience is elevated to joyful chaos."

This is only one of the Broadway musicals brought to Northwest this year.

"We bring musicals in all of the time," Dave Gieseke, director of News and Information, said.

"This is a national tour produced by Big League Theatricals. This organization also produced 'Into the Woods,' 'Nunsense' and 'Barnum,' all of which have appeared on the Northwest campus," he said.

"Buddy" begins in the early days of Holly's life when he sang country music in his Texas hometown.

It then moves to his marriage to Maria Elena and finally to his success in New York City.

The Crickets, Holly's band, was the first white act to play at the Apollo Theater in New York City.

Holly and his band brought a unique style to the '50s.

The Broadway musical peaks when it recreates the energetic final show Holly did with Valens and the Big Bopper.

The national Broadway tour celebrates the songs that brought Holly's rise to stardom and national popularity until a plane crash took his life on the "Day the Music Died."

The show will include some of Holly's greatest hits including "That'll Be the Day," "Oh Boy!" "Peggy Sue," "Rave On," "True Love Ways" and "It Doesn't Matter Anymore."

"Buddy" has them dancing in the aisles. It recalls the days when rock actually took place in the theater auditoriums," Clive Barnes, theater critic of the New York Post, said.

Tickets to this musical are on sale for \$5 with a Northwest ID and for children 12 and under, \$8 for other students and senior citizens, and \$10 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Box Office from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Priest lectures on nonviolent resistance

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK  
Associate Editor

Dressed in black, the Rev. Frank Cordaro rocked back in his chair as he spoke to a small ensemble of reporters following his speech Tuesday, March 16.

As Cordaro rocked his chair back onto its two rear legs, he explained his views on abortion, saying it had no place in society.

"I don't believe there is a place for war in our society," Cordaro said. "The same rationale they use to justify abortion are the same rationale they use to go to war. It's a necessary evil, got to do it, short-term gain, wish we didn't have to."

Abortion was only one of many topics touched upon during the hour lecture which focused on the need for the church and those who follow Christ to move toward a more non-violent frame of mind.

Cordaro has served approximately two and a half years total in prison for taking steps toward eliminating the

church's support of such violent acts as abortion and warfare.

"Here's a man (Jesus Christ) who broke every law he ever came across," Cordaro said.

Cordaro said the resurrection itself was a violation of Roman law.

"When a state condemns you to death - kills you - you are supposed to stay dead. To rise to life is to break the law," Cordaro said. "And in my way of thinking the resurrected Lord has been an outlaw spirit from day one."

He said the stone blocking the entrance to the tomb represents the Roman seal, and to break the seal was a violation of law.

Cordaro related his activism to that of Christ. He said he was non-violently protesting through civil disobedience. Cordaro said Christians have come to accept violence.

"I look for the day in my life when some pope some place will kneel down somewhere and beg forgiveness for all the Christians who ever were involved in war," Cordaro said.



Don Carrick/Northwest Missourian  
The Rev. Frank Cordaro speaks to students and townspeople at the J.W. Jones Student Union Tuesday, March 16. Cordaro has spent approximately two and a half years in prison for civil disobedience.

## GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE

# European interns visiting Maryville

By SCOTT PUMMELL  
Missourian Staff

Northwest is coordinating a program to educate Eastern European officials about democratic institutions by bringing them to the United States for workshops in Maryville and internships in local government agencies.

"The idea of the program is for them to see how things operate here and take the ideas that might work home with them to implement in their local governments," Richard Frucht, professor of history/humanities, said.

The eight Europeans involved with the project are involved in local and county governments in their homeland. Three of them are from Poland, two from Hungary, two from the Czech Republic and one from Romania, according to Nancy Baxter of the Center for Applied Research.

According to Baxter, the eight individuals are considered to be local officials such as city managers, attorneys and bankers.

The Europeans started their trip with a visit to Washington, D.C., to learn about our system of federal government. They visited with Missouri Sens. John Danforth and Kit Bond while in the capital.

On March 15 they came to Maryville to study local governments and institutions. They met with the city manager and a city councilman, visited local banks and met with Northwest professors.

"They came to Northwest to receive training in local government, banking and our use of the Total Quality Management system through a series of meetings with local experts," Baxter said.

After the activities in Maryville, the visitors will begin six-week internships with state and local agencies in Missouri and Kansas that involve their careers.

One of the purposes of the internships is to give them a chance to see how American offices operate, according to Frucht.

"They have made a changeover in systems from a Communist to a command economy system," Frucht said. "That changeover includes adapting their bureaucracy, economy, governments and even a lot of red tape."

Their intent is to learn the basic operational methods of institutions in the United States, so as to guide in the redesign of the institutions in their homeland.

Their trip is sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Information Agency. The purpose of the fund is to help make the transition as free of problems as possible.

"The United States is interested in spreading democracy and in explaining democratic structures to individuals in other countries where governments are crying out for help," Baxter said.

## STUDENT SENATE

# Problems arise in fund allocation

Decision-making procedure about group funding tops focus at upcoming weekend retreat

By DERRICK BARKER  
Assistant Editor

Student Senate has dealt with the task of allocating money to organizations. In the last year, the number of organizations asking for financial assistance has grown to a problematic figure according to Jeni Schug, Senate president.

"When I was involved in Senate my freshman and sophomore years, we used to have no problems giving money to organizations," Schug said. "But this year, we've been swamped with people asking for money."

Senate meetings often consist of organizations asking for financial assistance during the treasurer's report. The March 16 meeting was no exception.

Organizations such as Sigma Tau Delta English honorary, Phi Alpha Theta history honorary and the National Agricultural Marketing Association asked for funds. They implied the money would go toward travel and lodging expenses and registration fees. The number of requests has forced Senate members to be more selective about who receives funding.

"I pride Senate on that they're subjective on deciding who gets help," Schug said.

When allocating funds, Senate must determine whether or not the organizations' activities will benefit students, Schug said. According to Joe Desmond, junior president, who has encouraged Senate to make stricter policy guidelines, Senate has a responsibility to make sure that funding an organization's event is in the student's best interest.

"We have to be careful because it hurts other organizations who need the money if we give it to others who do things that don't benefit Northwest or its students," Desmond said.

This problem has prompted Senate to review its policies concerning allotment of money that will be discussed at a retreat March 19-20 in St. Joseph.

According to Schug, the retreat was planned so Senate can reassess and improve policies.

"We want to go through our constitution, look at ourselves collectively and objectively," Schug said. "Some of our policies need to be reviewed closely so that Senate can improve."

According to Trent Skaggs, policy chairman, the retreat will focus on the re-evaluation of policies.

"The Policies Committee plays a large role in this retreat because an improvement in our policies will make Senate more effective," Skaggs said.





## UNIVERSITY

## R.I.G.H.T.S. members selected

After application and interview processes were completed for Rape Isn't Gonna Happen Tonight, 12 students were chosen for membership.

They include Jana Abbott, Scott Allen, Rebecca Bennett, Lori Flint, Lance Frederickson, Doug Martin, Amy Muenchrath, Wendi Powers, Andrea Riggs, Katie Ryan, Kim Waller and Theresa Zuccarino.

These students, along with previous members, are going through a training program, which began immediately after Spring Break, and they will also participate in a training weekend April 2-4.

## Preregistration begins in April

Preregistration for summer and fall classes begins Monday, April 5. Enrollment dates are as follows:

- Graduate students and seniors (90 hours or more) register April 5-6.
- Juniors (60-89 hours) register April 7-9.
- Sophomores (30-59 hours) register April 12-15.
- Freshmen (less than 30 hours) register April 16-23.

Enrollment packets will be distributed to advisers Monday, March 22.

## Library celebrates 10th birthday

The B.D. Owens Library is 10 years old this spring, and its Advisory Committee is planning a birthday party to which everyone is invited.

During the celebration on Wednesday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m., University President Dean Hubbard will speak, and the library staff and its Advisory Committee will provide birthday cake, cookies and punch.

Prior to Hubbard's speech, interested parties will have the opportunity to sign a giant birthday card to the library.

B.D. Owens commemorative long-sleeved shirts will be on sale for \$10 at the main administrative office of the library.

## Correction:

In the story "Faculty pay scale compared to that of sister institutions," it was inferred salaries of faculty members at other universities were higher. This is true when compared to the six regional state universities, with which Northwest ranks fourth at the professor rank and fifth at other ranks.

In the article, the third goal stated only the problem of the current Matrix varying widely and not the committee's recommendation. It should have included the recommendation to examine and graph previous years' growth and make a projection based on the average percentage increases.

The committee recommended changes, because new hires are usually brought in at, or even above, the national average, while faculty receiving promotions are paid only 85 percent of the national average, or the base.

## RIDE 'EM COWBOY



Patrons of The Outback, like sophomore Jeff Ferguson, got a chance March 4-5 to join the rodeo for a night by riding a mechanical bull. The bull was an addition to Country Night.

DON CARRICK/Northwest Missourian

## BLOODMOBILE

## Northwest responds to requests for blood

By HAWKEYE WILSON  
Missourian Staff

The blood drive will return to Northwest on Monday, March 22, and Tuesday, March 23, to assist Missouri and Kansas counties requesting blood.

Last year donors gave 471 pints of blood compared to the 386 pints in 1991. This was surprising, because the drive lasted only one day compared to the two days the drive ran in 1991.

The Northwest campus has served as an example to neighboring communities, universities and counties in blood donation.

Compared to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, this campus has given larger quantities during blood drives.

"Northwest is one of the leaders when it comes to blood donations," according to Jennifer Newman, director of the Donor Recruitment Department. "We serve 58 hospitals and about 23,000 patients and the blood is very much appreciated."

In addition to serving the hospitals and patients, blood drives have helped victims of Hurricane Andrew and soldiers in Desert Storm. Also, during the aftermath of the bombing of the World Trade Center, New York City was notified the center had blood if needed.

The drive will be conducted by 30 nurses and assistants. In the past the drive has received criticism for delaying the donation procedures but Newman reassured that they are doing the best they can with the facilities provided.

"They are doing their best to serve the students," Newman said. "When a lot of students come, it's hard to serve them all at once."

Student Senate member Scott Grim is in charge of organizing the blood drive. He hopes students will attend the drive.

"We need at least 300 pints of blood and more if possible, but 300 is our goal," Grim said.

Refreshments will be available to donors before and after donating blood.

## CALENDAR

## Thursday, March 18

8 a.m. Surplus property auction viewing will be held in the warehouse.

4 p.m. Inter-Fraternity Council meeting will be held in the Northwest Room.

4:30 p.m. Panhellenic Council meeting will be held in the Stockman Room.

7:30 p.m. "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" will be held in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 with Northwest ID and children under 12, \$8 for other students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults.

Campus Rec softball entries are due in the Campus Recreation Office.

Campus Rec pickleball entries are due in the Campus Recreation Office.

NKC School District job interviews will be held

in the Lower Lakeview Room.

Mutual of Omaha job interviews will be held in the Lower Lakeview Room.

## Friday, March 19

8 a.m. Surplus property auction viewing will be held in the warehouse.

9 a.m. Surplus property auction will be held in the warehouse.

10 a.m. Camp Quality information session will be held at Country Kitchen.

Last day to add pass/fail second block classes in the Registrar's Office.

## Saturday, March 20

District piano contest will be held in Charles Johnson Theater.

## Sunday, March 21

Northwest Brass Quintet concert will be held at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

## Monday, March 22

Bloodmobile will be held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Senior major field assessment. Final installment due in Cashlering.

## Tuesday, March 23

7:30 p.m. Carol Tavris lecture will be held in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Senior major field assessment. Bloodmobile will be held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

## Wednesday, March 24

7 a.m. A breakfast will be held in honor of Northwest women in Towerview Cafeteria.

1:30 p.m. B.D. Owens Library birthday party will be held in the lobby of the Library.

4 p.m. Campus Rec softball captains meeting will be held in 101 Martindale Gym.

7 p.m. Campus Rec bench press competition will be held in Lamkin Gym.

Campus Rec bench press entries are due in the Campus Rec Office.



## STATE NEWS

## 3 military bases in Missouri may close down

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Defense Department on Friday, March 12, proposed closing three military installations in Missouri, although those losses would be offset by the potential gain of thousands of soldiers at Fort Leonardwood. Defense Secretary Les Aspin unveiled a nationwide list of bases targeted for closing and consolidation. The proposals go to an independent commission for consideration.

In Missouri, the department recommended:

- Closing Naval Reserve Centers in St. Joseph and Joplin and eliminating a data processing operation in Kansas City, the Defense Information Technology Services Office, as part of a nationwide consolidation.
- Moving chemical and military police training schools from a base in Alabama to Fort Leonardwood in southern Missouri. If that occurs, the Missouri base would pick up about 5,700 military personnel and 220 civilian workers.

The proposed gains would result from the closing of Fort McClellan near Anniston, Ala., which is home to the Army's chemical training and military police schools.



## NATIONAL NEWS

## Abortion doctor shot outside Florida clinic

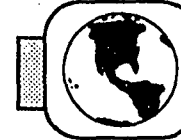
WINCHESTER, Tenn. (AP) - The first doctor slain during an anti-abortion protest since the procedure was legalized 20 years ago was buried Saturday, March 13, in a snow-covered cemetery at his ancestral hometown.

David Gunn, 47, was shot three times in the back with a .38-caliber revolver outside the Pensacola, Fla., Women's Medical Services clinic Wednesday, March 10, during an anti-abortion protest.

Michael Frederick Griffin, 31, a Pensacola chemical plant worker, is being held without bond on a murder charge.

## Facts on Los Angeles riots prove devastating

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Some facts and figures on the riots that erupted in Los Angeles on April 29, 1992, after the acquittal of four white policemen in the videotaped beating of Rodney King include 54 deaths and 2,383 people injured; up to 20,000 jobs lost; \$1 billion in property damage throughout Los Angeles County; and more than 4,000 commercial buildings, 10,000 businesses and 371 homes damaged or destroyed.



## WORLD NEWS

## Congress struggles with question of next ruler

MOSCOW (AP) - Saturday, March 13, Congress scuttled yet another attempt at compromise in its power struggle with President Boris Yeltsin, voting down his proposal for a referendum on who should rule Russia.

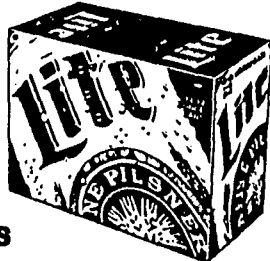
The hard-line Congress of People's deputies then ended its four-day emergency session by passing a resolution that accused the president of asking for too much power. It was the second time in as many days that Congress rejected a proposed referendum on who should wield ultimate authority in Russia, the legislature or the president, and constituted a major defeat for Yeltsin.

In a strongly worded appeal to the nation, the Congress said it "tried to defend the people against political adventurism, chaos and the disintegration of Russia." The resolution, passing by a vote of 574-104 with 29 abstentions, said the Congress had acted to strengthen the constitution during its emergency session, but this only elicited "sharp disapproval from the president."

By pressing for a referendum, Yeltsin sought to use one of his last sources of authority - the people - in trying to resolve the bitter power struggle with Congress that has blocked him from implementing free-market reforms.

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## OUR VIEW

Editorials express the view of the Northwest Missourian. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists and readers.

### Pro-life disciple rectifies beliefs

The abortion issue is one of the highest debated subjects in America. One of the fighting activists took his demonstration too far as he murdered an abortion doctor in cold blood.

When Michael Griffin took the life of David Gunn he contradicted everything the various pro-life organizations stand for.

However, many of the members of such organizations are saying murder is not the answer. They hate the fact Gunn performed legal abortions, but his life was valuable just like the aborted lives.

Other pro-lifers are saying Gunn's murder is justified since five to 10 lives scheduled to be aborted by Gunn the day of his murder did not go through. This is wrong. No death by the hands of another should be justified. After all, those women had already made their choice to have an abortion. Do these people really think the death of one doctor will stop them?

This crime cannot be overlooked, or violence will take over instead of peaceful demonstrations, which activists on both sides believe are so important in the issue.

The irony in this crime is uncanny. The "right to life" as Griffin preaches would include the right to life for everyone whether in the womb or an abortion doctor.

Violence cannot be a factor in this debate. It will result in disaster against all the efforts put into the cause by lobbyists and concerned citizens.

People who have a strong opinion on this issue are encouraged to write their politicians, hold peaceful protests and conduct non-violent demonstrations.

Pro-lifers need to quit blocking the doors to abortion clinics, yelling obscenities at the patients and doctors and preaching their self-righteous accusations.

The pro-lifers who justify this murder need to take a long look at those affected by Gunn's murder.

His death was not by choice.

Nobody who loved him or knew him had a choice in his death. That is not the case in an abortion decision. These two cannot be compared.

### First lady plays role in change

Hillary Rodham Clinton carries a great weight on her shoulders. The first lady is playing one of the leading roles in what could be the greatest accomplishment of our generation: health-care reform.

Critics of the first lady have not been kind. Sexist remarks concerning her personal life and her role in the Clinton administration are disgraceful. We elected a president who promised change. And the role of the first lady in the history of the United States is going to change as well.

Hillary Rodham Clinton is not merely a figurehead. She is no Nancy Reagan. She will do more for this country than create an anti-drug slogan. She is a well-educated, motivated political "mover and shaker." And we are lucky to have someone with her experience and knowledge taking a leading role in the colossal task of reforming our nation's health-care system.

She is currently working around the clock to find a solution to this terrible problem plaguing the United States. She is analyzing the problem and searching for solutions. She deserves our respect and support as citizens.



## MY TURN

### Traveling west enhances life's outlook

Orange clay-dirt from Kansas stained my old blue jeans as I tried to sleep in the back seat of the station wagon. We were rolling through New Mexico and the yellow Southwestern sun glowed like an ancient god above Interstate 40. It was a good time to be alive. It was a great time to be with friends.

Spring Break may be behind us as far as the calendar goes, but the spirit of Spring Break will continually burn inside my soul. Some call it the disease of the tramp. I call it the disease of America.

We live in a beautiful land. Mountains shoot up and pose for us like majestic monuments documenting the years past. Grassy plains flow like endless seas displaying an almost infinite space for discovery. And then there is the Grand Canyon, a natural wonder which boggles the vocabulary and places disbelief in the eyes.

Last week I traveled across the United States to witness this mystical evidence of the power held within the hands of Mother Nature. The Grand

Canyon grants a massive variety of sense-grabbing wonders.

I could not, for the life of me, count the oranges. The different shades of one primary color were so infinite when I consciously tried to number them, I almost wept in awe.

It would be senseless for me to make an attempt at describing this natural landmark. Bill Buckley's vocabulary could not do the Grand Canyon justice.

Spring Break is more than just a time to go somewhere. Working your way down the highway in a car full of laughter, cigarette smoke and friends is what it's all about.

This year it was the Grand Canyon. My freshman year it was a trip to San Francisco on a Greyhound with a buddy. My sophomore year I camped in Arkansas by myself for a week. No matter where I went, no matter who accompanied me, I always learned something about myself and the land we call America.

Spring Break is a time to awaken your soul from the winter-like state we

allow ourselves to be placed in while the snow covers the earth.

We are all students. Whether you study psychology or geography, you are a student. A true student loves to learn. The world would be a better place if we were all true students.

Being a college student offers one a perfect opportunity to grow and learn about the self. We learn something new about ourselves just about every week while we push to meet deadlines or cram for an exam. We are constantly discovering the true self inside our bodies.

Students should look at Spring Break in a more enlightened way. This week is not merely a time to "get laid." It is a time to learn. It is a time to learn through experience.

The mention of Spring Break to most college students brings thoughts of beer, bongos and bikinis. To me, I think about America and Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself."

America is the greatest poem. Next Spring Break, you should take the time and read a stanza or two.



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Witnessing Grand Canyon awakens soul, builds friendships



Murray Farish  
Missourian Staff

White House cries havoc, threatens to neuter dogs of war; radical lawmaker gets taste of own medicine

### Clinton, liberals weigh cost of ploughshares over swords

President Clinton announced his proposals for military base closings this week as part of his plan to reduce the military budget in today's less threatening world.

Clinton's twisted vision of a new world order where all problems can be solved by love, understanding and botched food drops is reaching its fruition here at home, and it's not a pretty story.

The sad truth which has become obvious from the events of the past week are that we are in for a long four years of sloppiness and idiocy in military affairs.

Clinton has proven once again that politics, rather than intelligence, drive every decision he makes.

More than 70 percent of the bases to get the axe are in Republican districts. When you consider that Republicans make up less than 40 percent of Congress this figure stands out even more.

When it suits their needs, gay rights groups claim that two of every five soldiers is homosexual. It would stand to reason, therefore, that many of the military jobs lost will belong to homosexuals.

The fallout will be swift and extreme when this starts to happen, with much ranting about bigotry and hatred. The Clintons will cave in again to these groups, an action which will result in many conversations like this.

"Sir, I'd like to change my sexual orientation status."

"But, corporal, you've always been straight before."

"Yes, sir, but I'm finally able to admit the truth. I've been gay all along. In fact, you're pretty cute."

"But, corporal, what about your wife and kids?"

"Just a front, sir. I'm as gay as anyone in this man's army. Besides,

we've got to put food on the table somehow."

The problems homosexuals will cause Clinton's budget-cutting plans pale in comparison to the problems that could arise from weakening our stance against our enemies abroad.

On Monday, North Korea and South Korea put their troops on alert amid statements by the North Korean foreign minister that war with the United States is imminent.

Couple this with the ominous news from Moscow that Boris Yeltsin is on the ropes taking blow after blow from Communist hard-liners, and you would have a hard time selling even the most casual observer on the song and dance of a more peaceful world.

It is very humbling to remember that every missile the Soviet Union ever had is still active, still armed and still pointed at us today.

Finally, in one of the rare flashes of humor to come out of the doomed vision of the Clinton presidency, consider the facts in the curious case of Rep. Ron Dellums. Dellums is a radical left-wing congressman from Oakland, Calif. They call him "Red," and it's not because of his hair.

Dellums holds the ranking seat on the House Armed Services Committee and in his long tenure on that panel has seemingly had no other goal but to undermine the military at every opportunity, whether it be by marching in the streets of Berkeley during the Vietnam War or visiting in Havana and supporting Fidel Castro's regime at the height of Cold War tensions.

When the base closings were announced this week, Dellums went berserk after seeing that the Bay Area was hard hit by the cuts.

He immediately called an "emergency" press conference where he

squawked like a speed-crazed buzzard for an hour and a half about cheap shot politics and the broken spirit.

"After all my years of service to the military, I get this," Dellums said, apparently forgetting that he had spent the last 12 years asking for exactly what he got, budget cuts. He just never thought they'd happen to him.

"That is not what I meant; that is not what I meant at all."

T.S. Eliot said that, but it could have easily been Dellums last week. It could just as easily be Clinton when he is cornered into a tough spot by his lack of military preparedness or expertise.

Or worse still, it could be all of us if we are unable to retain our place as the world's only remaining superpower because we voted for peacetrain Bill.

## CAMPUS VOICE

What do you think of the possibility of building an ice skating rink at the University, and would you be willing to pay a yearly fee to use it?

"I really don't think it would be much of a benefit to the University, because I don't think anyone would use it, and no, I wouldn't want to pay to use it. I don't know that many people who even go other places (to ice skate)."

Bret Deardorff, senior

"I guess I wouldn't mind an extra fee for it, because it is a little something extra that would make the campus nicer and make more things to do."

Jill Patterson, freshman

"I think it is a good idea for the University. I don't see anything wrong with it. I think it would be an attraction and possibly a money maker. I would probably be willing to pay a small fee to use it."

Brian Kirkpatrick, freshman

"I don't think it is a very good idea. I don't think that many people would use them. It would probably just be a waste of money."

Mark Hanway, senior

"No, I wouldn't be willing to pay a yearly fee to use it. First of all, they are cutting departments out of our University and there is money better spent elsewhere towards education than towards entertainment. If a person wishes to go ice skating, they should probably go to St. Joe or elsewhere."

Jamie McMurphy, senior

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# University stresses new admission standards

**High school students assisted in preparation for college education via lectures, brochures**

By DAWN EMMONS  
Missourian Staff

New admission standards, scheduled to go into effect in the fall of 1996, mean the class of '96 will have to be better prepared for college than classes before them.

The admission standards will give students a push toward bettering their college education before they even enter college.

"Last spring the state decided there would be a new core requirement for all 1996 incoming freshmen," Michael Walsh, director of Enrollment, said. "Unless eighth- and ninth-graders are

made aware of this new requirement, they may not be prepared."

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education approved the minimum recommended 16-unit core curriculum requirement for admission to all Missouri public four-year colleges and universities.

These new requirements mean the class of 1996 will need to have completed 16 units of core classes including mathematics, social studies, science and visual or performing arts before they are accepted by a state college or university.

With all of the new admission requirements for entering freshmen, this will better prepare them for their college career.

"If high school students take these core classes, the average ACT score goes up three points," University Presi-

dent Dean Hubbard said. "And their first semester's grade point is 25 percent higher. Taking these core classes also means that a student is much more likely to go on in college."

Northwest has taken a proactive approach to these new requirements by informing eighth- and ninth-graders and their parents of the changes.

"We are doing approximately 25 evening programs at high schools in our corner of the state to help them become better prepared," Walsh said. "The programs will start in the fall, and they are mainly aimed at the parents."

The programs include information on the new standards, scholarships and federal aid programs.

At every program, a professor is available to answer questions about what will really help students in the classroom.

Professors will be able to provide any information a student needs.

"Writing, reading and communication skills are what professors say are the most important skills to have when you enter college," Walsh said. "These skills set the base in order to succeed in college."

Northwest is the first university in the state to initiate these informational programs.

"Other schools said they were going to be making brochures and going to high schools," Hubbard said. "So far, Northwest is the only one doing it."

The response from area high schools has been positive toward the new admission requirements for the class of '96.

"I haven't talked to a high school counselor yet who hasn't thought this was a good idea," Walsh said.

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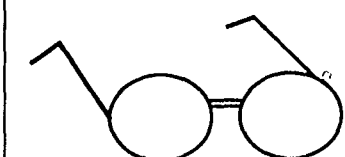
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## Florida Classic gives 'Kittens good start

**Softball team wins 6; freshmen, solid hitting spark Bearkittens' streak through Mercer, Eustice**

By KRISTI UNDERWOOD  
Missourian Staff

The Bearkitten softball team took to the field in full force by winning six of their first eight games in the Spring Fling Classic at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Monday, March 8, through Friday, March 12.

The 'Kittens overpowered Lake Forest College, Walsh, St. Ambrose, MacMurry and William Penn on two occasions.

Northwest fell to only two teams during the Classic, Lake Forest and West Florida.

"We're trying to get back into the groove of things," senior designated player Molly Mercer said.

"The freshmen played well and the seniors pulled through," she said.

Early season leaders of the team include senior catcher Rhonda Eustice who hit .542 and Mercer who batted .308.

Both Mercer and Eustice scored 11 runs each.

Senior first baseman Shannon Armstrong also pitched in with nine runs and four stolen bases.

Junior right fielder Mel Creglow had 429 for the week, and senior Rheba Eustice batted .333.

Junior pitcher Renee Hahn won three complete games with a 1.24 ERA, and sophomore pitcher Kelly Matthews was 1-0. Freshman Kristi Sweeney went 1-1 in the Classic, as well as junior Lori Campbell.

Four freshmen started in all eight of the games in Florida. Left fielder Amber Cremeens batted 10 for 20 with a .500. Shortstop Natalie Lesko batted 6-20 with a .300.

Third baseman Melinda Madison batted .333 with 8-16, and center fielder Jill Paterson batted .250 with five for 20 in the eight-game Classic.

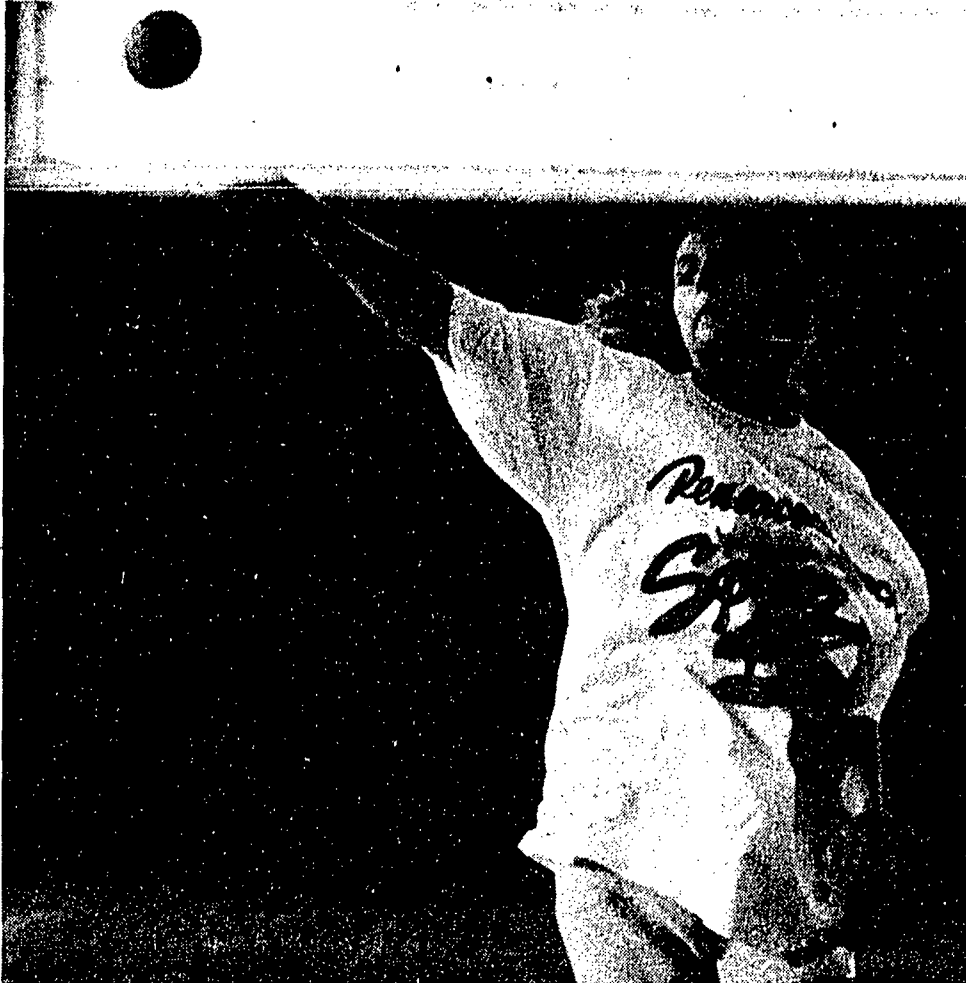
"We felt a lot of pressure at first," Lesko said, "but the upperclassmen on the team made us feel comfortable. We work together as a team, so it all works out."

This is the best start the Bearcats have had since 1976. According to Mercer, it was the result of dedication the team had to getting off to a good start.

"(The success was due to) all the hours of practice, and we're a really talented team," Mercer said. "We just pulled together as a team."

The Bearkittens will face the University of North Dakota in a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in Shawnee, Kan.

The 'Kittens will then participate in the Pittsburg State Invitational Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20. Then they will host Simpson College in a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at Beal Park.



Bearkitten freshman infielder Erin Shanahan fires one off in practice at Martindale Gym, Wednesday, March 17. The 'Kittens won six of the eight games they played in the Spring Fling Classic at West Florida University in Pensacola.

## IN THE OUTFIELD

### Mo. Western thieves strike again

Missouri Western thieves struck again for the second time in a month in the Fieldhouse on Saturday, Feb. 27. The University of Missouri-St. Louis team returned to their locker room at halftime and found their possessions stolen.

Six Rivermen reported stolen items and cash. Athletic Director Ed Harris said he is angered and embarrassed by the break-ins.

"At this point there's nothing else we can do but keep security in the locker room the whole time," Harris said. "But you cannot run an institution like Fort Knox."

### Jackson rejoins New York Yankees

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - Reggie Jackson and George Steinbrenner are a baseball item again.

In his first appointment since returning from baseball exile March 1, Steinbrenner announced Saturday, March 13, that Jackson will rejoin the New York Yankees as a special adviser to the club's general partner.

Jackson, 46, scheduled to enter the Hall of Fame this summer, will report to Joe Molloy, Steinbrenner's son-in-law, but his duties are not yet entirely clear.

"This hiring is not a platform for anything," Steinbrenner said at a news conference. "This is because I truly believe in Reggie Jackson."

Jackson spent 21 years in the majors and hit 563 home runs.

Steinbrenner, not such a believer at the time, allowed Jackson to leave the Yankees in 1981.

Jackson's appointment comes with major league baseball still grappling with the furor surrounding Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott and clubs under pressure to hire minorities for front offices.

"I think it's quite obvious I'm of color, and I'm proud of the fact I'm a black man with the Yankees," Jackson said. "I think that's important."

## OFF THE BENCH

## Top recruits key to championship for Northwest



Steven Woolfolk  
Sports Columnist

'Cats need rebounder, playmaker; 'Kittens will attempt to replace Hemminger, Long

As the sun once again sets on Northwest basketball, fans are left with memories of an early season slump and a late-season rally, which landed both teams in the playoffs.

Memories have their place, but the time has come to forget last season and worry about the job at hand—recruiting for next year.

The Bearcats and Bearkittens both had successful seasons. Both teams now find themselves in very different positions as they await the beginning of next year.

The 'Cats will be losing only one player in senior guard/forward Orlando Johnson, a second team All-Conference selection, and the 'Kittens will lose four players to graduation including All-Conference second team forward Jamie Long.

Off-season recruiting will be the key to success for both the 'Cats and 'Kittens next season. Both will try to fill in holes left by players who have moved on and improve upon the teams' weak spots.

For the 'Cats the key to an MIAA championship may lie in Coach Steve Tappmeyer's ability to recruit a point guard and a big-time rebounder.

The 'Cats first tried Johnson at the point and then moved sophomore guard Steve Simon into the play making position. Both players got the job done, but the 'Cats will need someone next year who can combine the traits of both players.

The 'Cats need someone who can orchestrate the fast break and find the open man in a half-court offense. Points from the point guard should be a luxury

and not a prerequisite to winning.

The 'Cats' leading rebounder last season was junior center Chad Deahl who averaged 6.3 a game. As a team the 'Cats were outrebounded by an average 40.8 to 33.9. If the 'Cats can come up with someone with the ability to consistently grab 10 to 15 rebounds in a contest, they will drastically cut the number of second-chance points that cost them games such as the Feb. 27 meeting with Lincoln University in which 6-7 forward Corey Warner came away with 19 rebounds and 25 points.

The 'Kittens will be spared damage to their back court as guard/forward Stacy Rockhold and guard Kelsi Bailey will be replaced by freshmen guards Amy Krohn and Stacie Segebart, who showed potential in increased playing time as the season wound down.

The 'Kittens will need help filling holes in the front court as the team's two leading scorers, Long, 17.4 points per game, and center Sara Hemminger, 13.1 points per game, graduate.

Junior forward Shelly Jermain will be looked at to fill the front-court leadership role, but Coach Wayne Winstead has taken steps to bring inside rebounders and scorers to Northwest.

The 'Kittens' guard play will at worst remain consistent and should improve as the younger players adapt to the college game.

Inside, they will miss the scoring and rebounding of Hemminger and Long, and the key to their success will be Winstead's ability to mold incoming freshmen into players capable of filling the shoes left by Hemminger and Long.

## PLAYER WATCH

RHONDA EUSTICE



Rhonda Eustice, senior catcher tied a school single-game record of four hits, all singles in four at bats, in the 'Kittens' first game during the Spring Break. Eustice also had two RBIs and an average of .542 during the eight games she played in Spring Fling Classic at the University of West Florida in Pensacola.

"I'm happy she's enjoying the success right now," Bearkitten head coach Gayla Eckhoff said.

Hard work has helped Eustice achieve her goals. "She works hard," Eckhoff said. "She does everything you need her to do for the team. I've always thought Rhonda Eustice is the kind of player any coach would want 15 of if they could."

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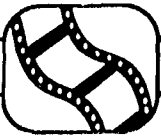
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# 'Ville turns green with world's shortest St. Patrick's Day PARADE

By SHANE WHITAKER  
Contributing Writer

A pig in a poke was carried by Stanley Dragoo, and Lisa Smeltzer was decked out in green, even her hair, as both these community members marched in the sixth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in front of The Palms.

The world's shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade started at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, and ended in less than 10 minutes. The parade stretched less than a half block, 98 feet exactly, as it strolled down Buchanan Street between Fourth and Fifth streets in front of The Palms.

"It's going to be shorter and better than ever," Mark Allen, one of the original organizers and chairman of the parade, said.

Allen said every year he sends out letters to dignitaries around the world to be grand marshalls of the parade, and rejection letters from these important figures make up the wall of rejection.

"There's letters from important people around the world - Jimmy Carter, George Bush, the governor - people of that nature," Allen said.

About 30 letters were sent out this year, but Allen said he had not heard back from any of them. An hour before the parade began, Allen said he still did not know if anyone would show up to be grand marshalls.

The Palms was packed by noon, and green beer, hamburgers, and corned beef and cabbage were ready for customers.

"It's probably the second busiest day of the year," Joyce Luke, co-owner of The Palms, said.

Senior Rob Lemke said he probably would not even go home all day. "I'll be up here until 1 o'clock this

morning," Lemke said. "I'll go in there and get a Palms burger and 'shrooms later."

Students were skipping classes to catch the parade, but some still thought they might be able to make afternoon classes.

"I know some who are planning on going back to their classes," Luke said, "but I don't see it happening."

Senior Ann Carr said the whole town and college shows up for the parade and makes it great.

"It's like a second New Year's Eve," Carr said.

Freshman Lori Squires was named St. Patrick's Day queen and rode in the parade on a Standard Oil wagon, which was pulled by three Phi Sigma Kappas.

Senior Holly Patterson said she worked on the parade committee and was in charge of the queen contest.

"It's a party that goes on at The Palms," Patterson said. "Later you won't even be able to move around in here."

Lemke said his favorite part of the parade was the guy carrying the pig.

"I thought it was hysterical," Lemke said. "I didn't know what it was at first. I thought it was a doll, but then he let it go in The Palms."

Media attention was big for the world's shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is recorded in a book which is received by newspapers and radio stations, according to Allen.

Calls were received from over 20 radio stations to get interviews for the parade.

"We get calls from all over the United States and the world about this," Allen said. "We've done interviews at radio stations in Canada, Guam, Hawaii and San Francisco."



DON CARRICK/Northwest Missourian



TIM CAPPEL/Northwest Missourian

Despite cold temperatures and bitter winds, crowds of Northwest students and Maryville townspeople flock to Buchanan Street to watch the sixth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. John Monjar, who videotaped the event, said, "This is my third year doing this, and it's the coldest yet."

Kicking off Maryville's St. Patrick's Day Parade, the ROTC Color Guard displays the national, state and school colors. The parade started at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, on Buchanan Street between the intersections of Fourth and Fifth streets and lasted a total of 10 minutes.



SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian

Dressed in the green of the day, Lisa Smeltzer joins the festivities.

Members of Phi Sigma Kappa pull St. Patrick's Day Queen Lori Squires down Buchanan Street Wednesday on her royal carriage, a Standard Oil wagon.



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## Quiet campus, TV dinners torment Your Man

**W**oe be to the poor soul who spent Spring Break in the 'Ville. Your man did just that last week when he was confined to the glorious city of Maryville for an exhilarating, no-expense paid week in an empty house.

Yes, Your Man stayed in town to work. But, hey kids, here's the surprise: Big thrills and excitement were to be had in the 'Ville and on campus. Even the squirrels scrounging around outside the vacant buildings gave me a ha-ha, you-had-to-stay, you-had-to-stay-nah-nah nah-nah look.

Seriously, Your Man felt like a character in a Ray Bradbury or Isaac Asimov novel, one of those books where an astronaut lands on a lonely, desolate planet and finds his environment a tad inhospitable.

This place, similarly, was as barren as the South Pole. Worse, it felt like the South Pole. Cold, dark, windy, quiet.

Is there anything worse than having to stay at home while other people (classmates) spend their week frolicking in the sun at Padre Island or Daytona? Yeah, there is - losing your money at those places because of all the inclement weather. Poor slob.

Well, in lieu of such excitement, there was always the

idiot box. The boob tube became a substitute companion for my roommates and classes during the break. And some substitute. Nothing worthwhile was on. I had to wait for the weekend for basketball tournaments. Geez, I didn't know whether to kill myself or watch figure skating.

To make matters worse, Leno and Lettermen took the week off. But, at least for this insomniac, Costas delivered the goods. I'd rather watch Costas interview some boring, has-been celeb than watch one of those endless, excruciating "infomercials" with Cher or that you-can-have-it-all-if-you-just-buy-my-expensive-tape-don't-you-wish-you-had-common-sense-like-me guy Tony Robbins.

The television also graced Your Man with those fabulous reruns from the late '70s. It would have been fine if I could have watched "Welcome Back Kotter" or "Starsky and Hutch," but I was not that lucky. No, I had to choose between "Kojak" and "Diff'rent Strokes." Needless to say, my life seemed like it was being personally tortured by some evil rerun god.

Bad television reruns weren't the only thing that haunted your man over the break. TV dinners that tasted like reruns were my diet for the respite. Maybe that's why they call them TV dinners - they taste like anything you watch on the tube. They're quick to prepare, easy to digest

and by the next day you've forgotten what it is you've consumed - like listening to Tony Robbins. I never hear anything he says because he talks faster than an auctioneer on cocaine.

I did have the kitchen to myself and that was very nice. The only problem was I couldn't tell someone else to wash the dishes.

But rest easy, kids. Not everything was completely dreary over the break. Your Man did have sole access to the University's world-class weightroom, which, need you ask, was used to burn off all those calories from the stale TV dinners.

I also shot some hoops. The weather wasn't too bad. And with a basketball in my hand, life didn't seem too bad. And I got some sleep, glorious sleep. There is just nothing like sleeping in the middle of your living room on a sunny afternoon wearing your favorite boxers.

I wish there would be more time for sleep in the remaining weeks of the semester. Perhaps there will be late tonight when I fall asleep watching the last half-hour of Joe Montana's infomercial on his new exercise machine. No wonder no one wants to sign this guy.

*The Stroller is an anonymous column which has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918.*

## SOUNDBITES

### Influenced style highlights new solo album

Originality is an important aspect in today's music. If artists don't have something to set themselves apart from the rest, then to hell with it. Some of the time this is achieved by taking a musical style and changing the direction or sound into something never really heard before, which is what artists like Frank Zappa, Ween and Bob Marley did.

The more common way, and by no coincidence the less successful way, is to take the style and personalize it. Quite a few have tried this, but very few have actually succeeded. The names of the accomplished include Jimi Hendrix, the Doors and Lenny Kravitz.

Kravitz's latest album, "Are You Gonna Go My Way," is a prime example of this rare ability to put so much of yourself into the song that the



**Nathan Thomas**  
Music Critic

resulting sound is synonymous with your name.

Kravitz's total participation on this album generously contributed to the Lenny-ness on this LP. He played drums, guitar, bass and piano, sang lead and backup vocals, and he wrote all the lyrics. He was also the sole producer of this album.

Every song, whether it be ballad, up-beat or anywhere in between, screams of his style. He blends unique pace, rhythm and hue into his music that some of the more successful musicians have done. His style keeps you entertained by deftly avoiding the nor-

mal path of arrangement. By putting richness and emotion into the notes and structure, Kravitz enhances his songs, but at the same time he keeps the music from sounding alien. True genius.

I must admit there is a lot of Jimi Hendrix's influence in this project, but it's more of an imprint than total replication, which is why Kravitz is so good.

He takes his influences and puts them into his music rather than copying them and changing the titles of the songs as other artists like Kingdom Come did with Led Zepplin.

This album achieved with his talent what other artists have attempted with replication and over-active, slick production techniques. "Are You Gonna Go My Way" is but another example of Lenny's gift for expression and music,



★★★★  
"Are You Gonna Go My Way"  
Lenny Kravitz

a true manipulation of honesty and emotion. Hopefully, an album of this quality won't go unnoticed, which has happened all too often in the past.

## REEL TO REEL

### 'Sky' storyline limits audience involvement

For whatever reasons one can imagine, people who claim they've been "abducted" by extraterrestrials often have problems getting others to believe them.

Sometimes their plight is tortuous, as the people who listen to their stories roll their eyes or make sideways glances without hearing the entire story. One man's abduction by aliens is the focal point of "Fire in the Sky."

An alien abduction plagues Mike Rogers (Robert Patrick) in "Sky," a film about an Arizona logger who is kidnapped, so we're told, by a spaceship possessed by aliens.

Although Rogers wasn't the one captured by the aliens, the story is about how he and a group of friends who witnessed the spaceship - though not the abduction - came to grips with a small-town community that thought they were crazy liars.

The community in question is Snowflake, a small town in eastern Arizona



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kept alive by its logging industry. One evening in 1975, Rogers and his five lumberjack co-workers sighted a strange red light emanating from a nearby location. It appeared to be a fire, so the men investigated it.

Upon approaching the fiery light, they viewed not a fire but a huge spaceship. Scared, they decided to turn around, but not before Travis Walton (D.B. Sweeney) jumped out of the pickup to get a better look.

To make a long story short, Walton was struck by a ray of light from the ship that knocked him off his feet and slung him into the air.

Moments later, Rogers drove back to find his friend, but - guess what? -

he and the ship disappeared. Rogers and the men drove back to town to report what they saw to authorities, who found their story distinctly suspicious.

A hard-boiled investigator named Frank Watters, played by James Garner (who seems made for this role) thinks one of the men, a recalcitrant scumbag called Dallis (Craig Sheffer), offed Walton when a feud developed between them the same day at work.

Suffice to say, an investigation follows, and no one in the Podunk town believes the loggers' story.

Meanwhile, Rogers faces domestic problems with his wife, who also doesn't believe him; then regional, national and global TV news crews appear to get the scoop.

Eventually, Watters asks the men to take polygraph tests. They comply. They all pass except Dallis, whose test comes back inconclusive.

And then five days after his disap-

pearance, Walton shows up at a gas station near the area where he was abducted.

He is hospitalized for dehydration, as he consumed no food or water in the five days he was gone. In hypnosis, he recalls how he was experimented on by the spacemen who kidnapped him.

The movie doesn't deeply or adequately explore the emotions by Walton. Though we encounter him cowering under the table in one remarkable scene, we never really sense what it is this man went through. Sure, scenes from his experience on the spacecraft are depicted in ghastly detail, but Walton never fully shares what his ordeal meant to him.

A recent USA Today article about Walton described his emotional and physical state better than this movie, which in itself presents a more dubious problem than the credibility of Walton's abduction.

Rating: ★★★

## SAY WHAT?

The Inside Scoop on the Entertainment Industry

**PAT'S BACK** Julia Sweeney of "Saturday Night Live" will reprise the popular character Pat in an upcoming movie. Sweeney denies her character is a cross-dresser. "Pat isn't in drag. Pat just wears the clothes that make Pat look best," Sweeney said.

**NOT SONNY AND CHER** Former singing pals Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel recently performed at the Children's Health Fun, raising \$1 million. The pair seemed uneasy with each other. "We've never looked at each other (on stage). We are not Sonny and Cher," Simon said.

**OPRAH DOES TIME** Talk show host Oprah Winfrey was summoned by the Chicago federal courthouse to serve on a jury. While performing her civic duty she signed autographs and chatted with fellow jurors.

**TOON TOWN GOES MODERN** Classic cartoons from the late 1940s and 1950s are making a comeback on laserdisc. Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Porky Pig are just a few of the veterans on these newly released discs.

**NAKED ONCE MORE** Paramount Pictures announced at the National Association of Theater Owners/ShowWest that "Naked Gun 3: The Final Insult" will begin production in the next several months. The movie is due out next spring.

**THIS TIME IT'S FOR REAL** Ted Danson and his wife, Casey, have finally decided to make their unofficial splitting marriage official.

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